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1. AMBASSADOR ECONOFF HAVE MADE PERSONAL CALLS ON MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTS, PUBLIC WORKS AND POPULAR EDUCATION TO PUBLICIZE SEMINAR AND INSURE GOOD ATTENDANCE. CALLS ON MINISTER OF PLAN AND PRESIDENCY MINISTER COUNSELOR FOR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ARE BEING SCHEDULED. WE ARE PLEASED AND ENCOURAGED WITH RESPONSE AND INTEREST EXPRESSED BY MINISTERS, PARTICULARLY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WHO HAD BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON SEMINAR AND ITS OBJECTIVES BY MINAG OFFICIALS WITH WHOM EMBASSY HAD BEEN DEALING.

2. RECEPTION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR IS SCHEDULED FOR EVENING OF MARCH 30 AT 1900 HOURS. CITIBANK LUHCHEON FOR SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS FROM GOG WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31. SLIGHT REVISION OF GENERAL UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHEDULE WILL BE FORWARDED IN SEPTTEL.

3. RESERVATIONS FOR SEVEN PEOPLE MADE FOR UTA FLIGHT 788 LIBREVILLE-LAGOS, ECONOMY CLASS, FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 3. EMBASSY STRONGLY ADVISES PARTICIPANTS TO OBTAIN TICKETS IN US PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. TRAVEL AGENT OR AIR-LINE OFFICE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT UTA FLIGHT RESERVATIONS

MADE AND CONFIRMED BY AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECONFIRM AND FOLLOW-UP WITH UTA OFFICE HERE TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF LAST-MINUTE CONFUSION.

4. RESERVATIONS MANAGER OF DIALOGUE HOTEL WILL DO UTMOST TO PROVIDE SEPARATE ROOM FOR DABELL. MINAG HAS ASSURED EMBASSY OF WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING GOG REQUISITION TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS. BIHUN ALREADY AWARE OF NEED FOR THIS REQUISITION.

5. EMBASSY WILL PREPARE KITS AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTTEL. OUR SUPPLY OF GABON 1976 ECONOMIC TRENDS REPORT IS DEPLETED. APPRECIATE BIHUN'S CARRYING PERHAPS 15 COPIES FOR USE IN KITS.

6. BROCHURES ARE AT PRINTER AND WILL BE READY NO LATER THAN MARCH 25. EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN CAUSED SOME DELAY, BUT WE ANTICIPATE NO FURTHER PROBLEMS.

7. ARRANGEMENTS MADE AND CONFIRMED WITH HERTZ FOR RENTAL OF TWO CARS.

8. WE ARE CHECKING WITH TRACTAFRIC TO DETERMINE THEIR WISHES RE APPOINTMENTS. TRACTAFRIC PRESENTATION IS READY. EMBASSY HAS TWO COPIES OF FRENCH TEXT; TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH UNDERWAY. STEIGMAN

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